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I. Findings

- 1. This estimate deals primarily with general questions and its scope is too broad to form a basis for detailed collection recommendations. Such recommendations will arise in connection with individual country estimates.
- 2. However, two gaps in the intelligence coverage of Asia in general became apparent in the preparation of this estimate. These are: (a) the shortage of detailed knowledge of the attitudes of Asian leaders of the second echelon and non-governmental levels and the psychological impact of Communist China on the people of surrounding states; and (b) the extent and nature of the relationships between Communist China and the activities of local left-wing and Communist movements in the various Asian countries.

II. Action

It is requested that the appropriate agencies take steps necessary to increase the flow of information on the subjects noted above.